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For : OPTICAL ELEMENT RETRACTING MECHANISM FOR A
PHOTOGRAPHING LENS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Randolph Building
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir :

Prior to examination of the above-noted application, the Examiner is respectfully
requested to enter the present Amendment.

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this Amendment.

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